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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 5-19 and 23-26 were pending, and claims 2-4 and 20-22 were canceled in the present application before the amendment as set forth above. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended, and claims 19 and 23-26 are canceled.

The November 16, 2004 Office Action required a restriction election, under 35 U.S.C. §121, to one of a Group I invention, claims 1 and 5-18, and a Group II invention, claims 19 and 23-26, for prosecution in the present application.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's professionalism and careful review of the application.

In response, as set forth above, without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I, claims 1 and 5-18, for prosecution in the present application. Furthermore, claim 1 has been amended to correct a typo.

Additionally, without acquiescing in the propriety of the Examiner's Restriction Requirement and to facilitate the prosecution of the present application, claims 19, and 23-26 have been canceled. Applicants reserve every right in cancelled claims 2-4 and 19-26 to file continuation applications.

Further examination on the merits is therefore respectfully requested and this Application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly solicited.

Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing Amendment and Response place this application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that there are any issues that can

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be resolved by a telephone conference, or that there are any informalities that can be corrected by an Examiner's amendment, please call the undersigned at 404.495.3678.

Respectfully submitted,
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